

REMARKS

Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the claim objections and the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. Specifically, claim 4 has been rewritten as a single sentence to recite "[a] body having reduced kinetic friction when in contact with air, gas or a liquid, comprising a surface which contacts said air, gas or liquid, the entirety of said surface being uniformly provided with pit-like profiles each in the form of a spherical calotte", where the bodies are selected from bodies as originally recited beginning in line 7 of claim 4. The definition of the bodies has been amended to delete the periods and to avoid the terminology "for example" and "preferably". Claim 11 has been canceled.

Removal of the claim objections and the 35 U.S.C. § 112 grounds of rejection is in order.

Referring to the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of claims 4 and 11 as being anticipated by Yee, US 5,171,623, claim 4 as amended recites a body having reduced kinetic friction when in contact with air, gas or a liquid, comprising a surface which contacts said air, gas or liquid, wherein the entirety of the surface is uniformly provided with pit-like profiles each in the form of a spherical calotte. In Yee, on the other hand, the means for reducing drag is depressions in which the extent across is between ten and twenty

times the maximum depth of the depressions. Such depressions exclude and lead away from the spherical calottes of the present invention.

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection is also in order.

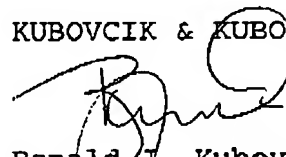
The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2008, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance.

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